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FOR FIXING BONE PARTS**

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**SECOND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111**

Sir:

The following comments are intended to be fully responsive to the non-final Official Action dated June 8, 2009, which set a nominal response due date of September 8, 2009.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, each section of the subject Amendment (e.g., Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, Drawing Amendments and Remarks) as may be appropriate to the issues raised in the Official Action to which this paper responds, begins on a separate page. Changes to the original text, claims and the like are shown by striking through language to be deleted and underlining of language to be added.